

Advanced Amplifier Based Receiver Front Ends for Submillimeter-Wave-Sounders

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Project Introduction

Develop high electron mobility transistor (HEMT) amplifier based heterodyne radiometers to provide high sensitivity at millimeter and submillimeter wavelengths with high spectral resolution for molecular line detection.

Performance goals are:

Low system noise temperature:

< 280K Single Sideband at 230 GHz

< 650K Single Sideband at 640 GHz

Wide spectral coverage:

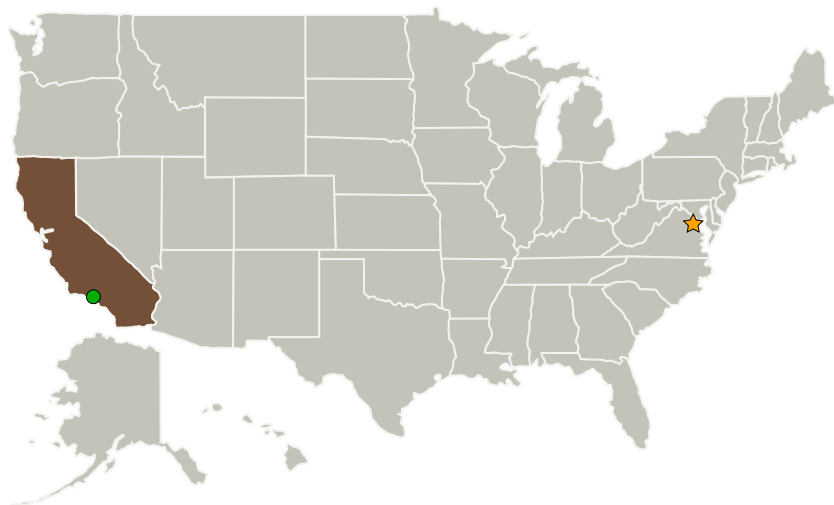
180-270 GHz (for tropospheric measurements)

620-660 GHz (stratospheric measurements)

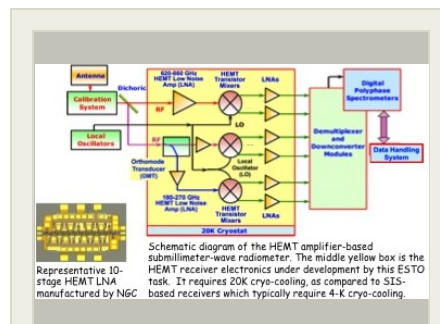
Sideband separation: > 15 dB

Amplifier front-end operating temperature: 20K

Primary U.S. Work Locations and Key Partners



Organizations Performing Work	Role	Type	Location
★ NASA Headquarters(HQ)	Lead Organization	NASA Center	Washington, District of Columbia
● Jet Propulsion Laboratory(JPL)	Supporting Organization	NASA Center	Pasadena, California



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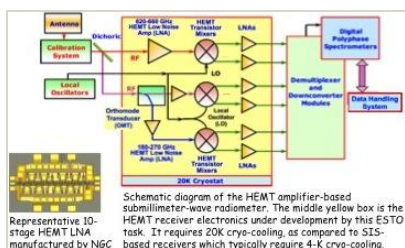
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Primary U.S. Work Locations

California

Images



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(<https://techport.nasa.gov/image/1549>)

Organizational Responsibility

Responsible Mission Directorate:

Science Mission Directorate (SMD)

Lead Center / Facility:

NASA Headquarters (HQ)

Responsible Program:

Earth Science

Project Management

Program Director:

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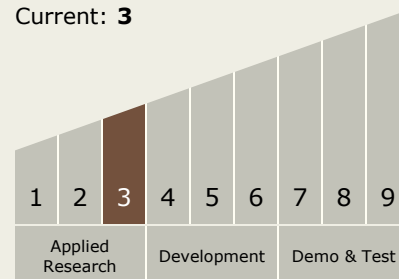
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Technology Maturity (TRL)

Start: 3

Current: 3



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Technology Areas

Primary:

- TX08 Sensors and Instruments
 - └ TX08.1 Remote Sensing Instruments/Sensors
 - └ TX08.1.1 Detectors and Focal Planes

Target Destination

Earth